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Letter dated 7 August 1995 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I regret to refer to a United Nations publication entitled "United Nations at 50: Notes for Speakers", which has distorted the Korean question, giving cause for misunderstanding to vast masses of people throughout the world.

The authors of the booklet write as if the United Nations did something positive as regards the Korean question, attempting to cover up the true nature of the United Nations intervention in Korea.

The United Nations intervention in Korea is a typical example of how the United Nations is appropriated by great Powers in violation of the purpose and principles of the Charter. The United Nations intervention in Korea cannot be counted as an achievement: it hindered rather than helped the settlement of the Korean question.

The United Nations, under the thumb of the United States of America, intervened in the Korean question from its early days. In 1947, the United States discarded the agreement between the Foreign Ministers of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom and the United States, and brought the Korean question to the United Nations, disregarding the efforts of the Korean people to build a unified country with their own hands. In 1948, the General Assembly adopted, in stark violation of the Charter, a shameful and childish resolution that was intended to ban Member States from maintaining diplomatic relations with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

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Subsequently the United Nations handled the Korean question arbitrarily for nearly 30 years by considering the reports of the so-called "United Nations Temporary Commission on Korea" and the "United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea", while rejecting the requests of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to send its delegations to the discussions.

In June 1950, the United States unleashed a war against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in order to achieve its strategy for world domination and utilized the United Nations to justify its aggression in Korea.

It is an aberrant phenomenon that foreign troops under the "United Nations Command" are still stationed in south Korea, over which the United Nations has no authority. The United Nations should primarily take down and retrieve the United Nations flag from the "Unified Forces" in south Korea, and remove the stains it has earned by following instructions from the great Power with regard to the Korean question.

The nuclear issue on the Korean peninsula is being settled through Democratic People's Republic of Korea/United States talks because of the persistent peace-loving efforts of the former, not by the United Nations.

The United Nations should ensure the impartiality of its documents by immediately correcting its unfair handling of the Korean question in the above-mentioned booklet.

I would be grateful if you could arrange to have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 29 of the provisional agenda.

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